

UNFUNDED AND UNDERFUNDED MANDATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are 151 state and federal public school unfunded or underfunded mandates as of January 2012 affecting school administration, business, health/safety, instruction, technology, human resources, non-public schools, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that such mandates comprise between 17% and 20% of school district spending; and

WHEREAS, existing state legislation lacks any mechanism for estimating the potential cost and funding sources of new mandates when they are proposed; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State Mandate Relief Council refer existing legislation relating to underfunded and unfunded mandates to the Governor for modification and subsequent preparation of a program bill requiring that future mandates under consideration by the State Department of Education or the State Legislature must be preceded by a comprehensive cost and funding source analysis with input from relevant local government agencies and that said impact analysis must be communicated in writing to all affected local agencies prior to enactment of any state regulation or law carrying cost implications for such agencies; and

RESOLVED, that the provisions of this program bill should require assumption by the State of New York of all costs associated with the state mandated testing program and the state APPR regulations.